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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention relates to a communications network, in particular to a A~~
communications network ~~having~~ has a communications station, such as a telephone
exchange, and at least one interface, such as a cabinet. A plurality of optical carriers
are provided between the exchange and a cabinet, thereby allowing modulation of the
signals, for example xDSL modulation, to be carried out at the exchange, rather than at
the cabinet. This arrangement reduces the need to power the cabinet.